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1. GRANMA AND JUVENTUD REBELDE, MAY 27 AND 28, REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE SOLIDARITY MEETING TO BE HALD IN HAVANA MAY 30-31. MEETING, SPONSORED BY THE SOVIET-BACKED WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE, WILL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 19 COUNTRIES AND 12 ORGANIZATIONS. THF HAVANA CONFERENCE IS INTENDED TO PREPARE GROUNDWORK FOR THE LARGE-SCALE SEPTEMBER 10-13 INTERNATIONAL PUERTO RICAN SOLIDARITY MEETING TO BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY (ALLEGEDLY WITH THE BACKING OF THE RULING MEXICAN PRI.)

2. ACCORDING TO THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS, THE GENERAL

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OBJECTIVES OF THE HAVANA MEETING ARE TO PREPARE THE ATMOSPHERE FOR DECISIVE CONDEMNATION OF US "ANNEXATIONIST" EFFORTS IN PUERTO RICO AT THE SEPTEMBER HAVANA NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SUMMIT AND AT THF UNGA. (COMMENT: IT IS UNCERATIN WHETHER REFERENCES TO THE UNGA ARE MEANT TO SIGNAL A CUBAN EFFORT TO TAKE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE TO GA OR WHETHER CONFUSION EXISTS BETWEEN THE GA AND THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24.)

3. STATED CONCRETE GOALS OF THE HAVANA PUERTO RICAN ONFERENCE ARE TO: (A) REAFFIRM PUERTO RICAN RIGHT TO AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE, "DEMANDING AS AN INDISPENSABLE CONDITION THE EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION THAT HAS BEEN USURPED BY US" (COMMENT: THIS REFERS TO CUBAN POSITION THAT NC PUERTO RICAN REFERENDUM IS OALID UNTIL US GRANTS INDEPENEDNCE AND DEPARTS FROM PUERTO RICO), (B) REPUDIATE "DISGUISE OF COLONIALISM" UNDER "SUBTERFUGE OF FREE ASSOCIATED STATE" AND OTHER SUCH FORMULAS, (C) DEMAND

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DISMANTLING OF "YANKEE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS," (D) REAFFIRM PUERTO RICAN RIGHTS TO USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, (E) DEFEND "DEMOCRATIC" AND TRADE UNION STRUGGLES, AND (F) DEMAND FREEDOM OF PUERTO RICAN "POLITICAL PRISONERS", INCLUDING LOLITA LEBRON, IRVIN FLORES, RAFAEL CANCEL MIRANDA, AND OSCAR COLLAZO.

4. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS STATE THAT NAM SUMMIT AND UNGA WILL DISCUSS "A DESIGN OF A PROGRAM OF DECOLONIZATION" WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FULL EXERCISE OF POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FREEDOM ON THE ISLAND.

5. COMMENT: PROPAGANDA SURROUNDING THE HAVANA CONFERENCE SUGGEST THAT CUBANS WILL BE PUSHING STRONGLY AT NAM SUMMIT AND COMMITTEE OF 24 FOR MORE RADICAL FORMULATIONS CONDEMNING PUERTO RICAN REFERENDUM, ENDORSED IN JULY 1978

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BY PRESIDENT CARTER. IN ADDITION, PARA 4 SUGGESTION THAT A "DESIGN FOR DECOLONIZATION" WILL BE DISCUSSED AT NAM SUMMIT AND UN MAY INDICATE THAT CUBANS WILL SEEK INTERNATIONALLY-ENDORSED PROCEDURAL ALTERNATIVE TO 1981 PUERTO RICAN REFERENDUM (BY CHARACTERIZING REFERENDUM AS A RHODESIAN-STYLE "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.") THIS, IF EFFECTED, WOULD ESCALATE CUBAN PRESSURE ONE STOP BEYOND SIMPLE CONDEMNATION OF US PUERTO RICAN POLICY.

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